

Meeting Minutes

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2002 - 6:00 P.M.

County-City Building - Conference Room D

1516 Church Street Present: Chairman Rackow, Commissioners Colantonio, Pintar, Wyhuske, Patton, Curtis, Alderman/Commissioners Phillips, Walther

Unexcused Absence: Commissioner Lysne

Also Present: Mayor Wescott, Alderperson Sevenich, Telecommunications Coordinator Quirk, Thomas Hagen (V of Whiting), John Klismet (Park Ridge), Hank Becker (T of Linwood), Jessie Hlad (Charter)

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1. Approval of minutes of July 10, 2002.

Commissioner Patton moved, Commissioner Pintar seconded, for approval of the minutes of July 10, 2002.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Report of Charter Communications.

Jessie Hlad, Charter, answered questions about her letter dated July 19, 2002, informing the City that ESPN would not be carried by Charter after July 31, 2002. As to her letter dated August 13, 2002, concerning Charter's Free Weekend, Ms. Hlad said that in response to some parental concerns, upon request, Charter would install parental control devices for the Free Weekend and would pick them up after the weekend, without charge to the subscriber. Ms. Hlad told the Commission that subscribers will soon be informed of the addition of three new channels to Charter's channel line-up effective October 1, 2002, at no additional charge to subscribers. Ms. Hlad brought with her a letter responding to Chair letter dated August 13, 2002, requesting a map of Charter's installations in the Town of Linwood and notice to the Town about work on Charter's plant in the Town.

Commissioner Curtis moved, Commissioner Patton seconded, to accept the report and place it on file.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

3. Status of approvals of renewal documents.

Chairman Rackow called attention to his Memo dated August 13, 2002.

4. Stevens Point/Plover Area Telecommunications Commission.

Chair Rackow said he would rewrite the organizational documents to incorporate recommendations made at the last meeting so that after the Member Municipalities approve the renewal documents, the organizing group would have it on which to begin its work.

5. The future of the Telecommunications Commission.

Completed handouts were collected from those present. Commissioner Patton suggested that the Regional Commission do what it can to promote the development of electronic infrastructure in the area that would encourage new firms to locate in the area and encourage existing firms to remain in the area. He also suggested that the Regional Commission monitor bills before the Legislature affecting cable TV, offer support for helpful bills, and lobby against legislation harmful to cable TV.

5. Date, time, and location of next meeting.

The next Telecommunications Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2002, at 6:00 P.M. in the City Conference Room, County-City Building, 1515 Strong's Avenue. If the League of Municipalities Annual Conference is scheduled for that time, the date will be changed and any revised date will appear in the agenda.

6. Adjournment - 6:46 P.M.

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